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1. EDITORIAL COMMENT ON AMB YOUNG'S SPEECH HAS BEEN
MIXED. GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY ANTA CARRIED EDITORIAL IN
MAY 21 BULLETIN ON MAPUTO CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE, HARSHLY
CRITICIZING STAND OF CAPITALIST POWERS IN GENERAL, BUT ONLY
MENTIONING AMB YOUNG'S ACTIVITIES IN PASSING. AKFM (PRO-
SOVIET) ORGAN IMONGO VAOVAO STRESSED CRITICISM OF AMB YOUNG'S
SPEECH BY MUGABE AND REPRESENTATIVE OF LESOTHO. ON OTHER
HAND INDEPENDENT SAHY PRAISES CURRENT US POLICY WHICH TODAY
FAR DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF VIETNAM AND ANGOLA DAYS.

2. TWO BUREAU CHIEFS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE
VOLUNTEERED GRATIFICATION AT NEW US POSITION AND AMB
YOUNG'S SPEECH. CHIEF OF BILATERAL RELATIONS SOUGHT ME OUT
AT RECEPTION MAY 23 TO SAY HE CONSIDERED NEW US PRESSURE ON
SOUTH AFRICAN INTERNAL POLICIES A FUNDAMENTAL STEP FORWARD
BY THE US. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WHOM I WAS SEEING ON
OTHER MATTERS MAY 20, GRATUITOUSLY EXPRESSED REGRET AT
CRITICISM LEVELED AT AMB YOUNG'S SPEECH BY PRESS AND
RADIO, SAYING HE THOUGHT IT REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT
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ANNOUNCEMENT ON US INVOLVEMENT WHICH HE CONSIDERED
HELPFUL. EVEN THOUGH THESE TWO PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS
WERE PROBABLY ONLY SPEAKING FOR THEMSELVES, IT WAS
NICE TO HEAR.BARRETT

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